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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 15442

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: THAILAND'S FIRST WOMAN AMBASSADOR IS POSTED TO SRI LANKA

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THAILAND'S FIRST WOMAN AMBASSADOR, AMPHA PATRANAWIK, WHO WILL BE GOING TO SRI LANKA. THE MFA'S MOST SENIOR WOMAN DIPLOMAT, AMPHA HAS HELD AMBASSADORIAL RANK FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH SHE HAS SERVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

2. AMPHA'S BIOGRAPHIC PROFILE IS AS FOLLOWS: BORN IN BANGKOK 28 FEB 1920; RECEIVED BA IN ACCOUNTING FROM CHULALONGKHORN UNIV IN BANGKOK; 1944 JOINED FOREIGN SERVICE AND WORKED IN FINANCE DIVISION, BECOMMING CHIEF OF ACCOUNTING SECTION IN 1950; 195", APPOINTED TO THAI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTONV 1959 RETURNED TO MFA INTER-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT AS CHIEF OF GENERAL AFFAIRS DIVISION AND LATER CHIEF OF SOCIAL DIVISION; 1963 APPOINTED CHIEF OF FINANCE DIVISION AT MFA; 1967 POSTED TO BONN AND REACHED COUNSELLOR RANK IN1971; 1975 RETUNRED TO MFA AS AMABASSADOR IN UNDER-SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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3. AMB AMPHA IS SINGLE AND WAS REARED BY HER GRANDMOTHER, HER PARENTS HAVING DIED WHEN SHE WAS QUITE YOUNG. SHE HAS ONE ADOPTED DAUGHTER, THE CHILD OF A COUSIN, WHO IS A NURSE PRACTICING IN GERMANY. AMB. AMPHA ONCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT SHE FOUND LIFE IN BANGKOK LONELY AND SPENT LONG HOURS AT THE OFFICE. SHE ALSO SAID THAT SHE INTENDED TO RETIRE IN ABOUT 1980 AND HOPED FOR AN OVERSEAS AMBASSADORIAL

APPOINTMENT, PREFERABLY A SMALL EUROPEAN EMBASSY WHERE SHE COULD BE NEAR HER DAUGHTER. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT WORK AT THAI EMBASSIES IN ASIA IS VERY DEMANDING AND SHE WOULD PREFER TO "TAKE IT EASY" DURING EH LAST FEW YEARS OF HER CAREER.

4. AMB. AMPHA SPEAKS VERY GOOD ENGLISH AND GERMAN. SHE IS RESERVED AND PROPER AS BEFITS A THAI LADY, BUT ATYPICALLY ENJOYS THE OCCASIONAL DRINK, "SOMETHING WHICH I LEARNED IN GERMANY." EMBOFF FOUND HER FRIENDLY AND SOMEONE WHO REMEMBERS FONDLY HER ASSIGNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

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